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DOUBLE MINUTE DNA

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 2, 2002, Applicants elect with traverse, Group I, Claims 33-50, 53 and 54, drawn to methods to identify an agent that increases or decreases the amount of double minute chromosomes or extrachromosomal DNA. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims in Group I and Group II can be searched together without undue burden on the Examiner. M.P.E.P. § 803. Applicants hereby cancel claims 51 and 52 without prejudice or disclaimer and reserve the right to reintroduce them in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney (612-371-2123) if there are any questions concerning this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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